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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PLENARY, JULY 6, 1978 (SALT TWO-1801)

REFS: A. SALT TWO-1803 B. SALT TWO-1802 C. SALT TWO-1797

1. AT PLENARY (CONGRESSMEN CARR AND DOWNEY PRESENT)
SEменов FIRST STATEMENT (REF A) REAFFIRMED SOVIET PROPOSAL
FOR CRUISE MISSILE RANGE DEFINITION; CRITICIZED MSOR CON-
CEPT AS AMBIGUOUS AND PROVIDING MEANS TO EXCEED AGREED
RANGE LIMITS; NOTED THAT PERCENTAGE RANGE ALLOWANCE
PROPOSAL, WHILE PROVIDING FINITE LIMIT, "LARGELY EXCEEDS
LIMITS;" OBJECTED TO CATEGORIZATION OF LIMITS ON TARGET
TYPE; AND ARGUED FOR INCLUDING CRUISE MISSILE AND CRUISE
MISSILE RANGE DEFINITIONS IN TREATY VICE PROTOCOL. IN
SUMMING UP, HE STRESSED THAT US PROPOSAL "BOILS DOWN TO
INCREASING AGREED RANGE LIMITS." IN RESPONSE, I STATED
THAT SOVIET REAFFIRMATION OF THEIR CURRENT PROPOSAL WAS
REGRETTABLE NOTING THAT US APPROACH WAS DESIGNED TO TAKE
SOVIET CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT, HAD MERIT, AND SHOULD BE
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GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

2. SEMENOV'S SECOND STATEMENT (REF A) AND MY STATEMENT
(REF B) CONFIRMED NEW JDT AS OF JULY 6, 1978 AD REFERENDUM
TO GOVERNMENTS.

3. AT POST-PLENARY, WITH REGARD TO SENATOR CHURCH'S

COMMENT AT JUNE 29 LUNCHEON CONCERNING TIMING OF DATE OF SIGNATURE (REF C), I TOLD SEMENOV THAT MY INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUE TO BE TO GET A GOOD AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (IN OTHER BILATERALS SOVIETS INDICATED CONCERN WITH SENATOR CHURCH'S REMARKS).

4. CARR-BEECROFT/STARODUBOV CONVERSATION. CARR SUGGESTED BAN ON FLIGHT-TESTING OF ICBMS AND SLBMS IN DEPRESSED TRAJECTORY MODE. STARODUBOV EXPRESSED FEAR THAT INTRODUCTION OF NEW ISSUE INTO SALT TWO WOULD SLOW AGREEMENT BUT INDICATED INTEREST IN CONCEPT.

5. IN LIGHT OF VANCE/GROMYKO MEETINGS DATE OF NEXT PLENARY LEFT OPEN. EARLE

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